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1. DURING MY INITIAL CALL ON THE NEW MINISTER OF JUSTICE OLIVIER GUICHARD SEPTEMBER 15, WE TALKED ABOUT THE TWA HIJACKING WHICH WAS SUCCESSFULLY RESOLVED AT CHARLES DE GAULLE AIRPORT SEPTEMBER 12. I CONGRATULATED THE MINISTER FOR HIS GOVERNMENT'S FIRMNESS TOWARD THE HIJACKERS, ESPECIALLY THE DECISION TO SHIP THEM BACK TO THE UNITED STATES IMMEDIATELY AFTERWARDS. I THEN TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO CALL HIS ATTENTION TO THE SUBJECT EXTRADITION CASE WHICH IS COMING UP FOR HEARING HERE SEPTEMBER 20, AND TO EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT WILL TAKE THE SAME HARD LINE TOWARD THIS GROUP. THE MINISTER SAID HE HAD NOT YET HEARD ABOUT THE CASE BECAUSE HE AND HIS STAFF HAD JUST TAKEN OVER. HE EXPRESSED INTEREST AND ASKED ME TO SEND HIM THE DETAILS FOR HIS PERSONAL ATTENTION, WHICH I HAVE DONE.

2. COMMENT: THE MINISTER MADE NO COMMITMENT TO INSTRUCT THE PROSECUTOR TO PLEAD IN OUR FAVOR, BUT THE PRECEDENT OF THE SUMMARY EXTRADITION OF SEPTEMBER 12, AND THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FRENCH GOVERNMENT'S NEW POLICY OF TOUGHNESS TOWARD

HIJACKING MAY PROVE HELPFUL IN THIS CASE, WHERE THE OUT-
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